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12 October 1961

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.


Dear Mr. Dulles:

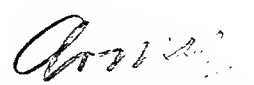
I am deeply appreciative of your nice letter on my approaching retirement.

Our association has been a very great privilege for me. I have valued your wise and just approach to all matters. Your patriotism and great sense of purpose and responsibility as well as your great personal integrity have been an inspiration.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

  
JOHN M. WILLEMS  
Major General, GS  
ACofS for Intelligence



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

For your information, I am attaching a copy  
of your 8 October letter to General Willems.

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*Handwritten: [Signature]*  
Major General John M. Willems  
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence  
Department of the Army

Dear John:

It is with great personal regret that I learned that your long association with the field of foreign intelligence will soon end. While Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, and a member of the United States Intelligence Board you have played a particularly vital role in our mutual efforts to improve coordination and enhance the overall effectiveness of the intelligence community. As you conclude your tour of duty and approach retirement it should be a source of special satisfaction to know that you have made such an important and lasting contribution to foreign intelligence and our national security.

My colleagues on the United States Intelligence Board and in the Central Intelligence Agency will miss your wise counsel as much as I and they join me in wishing you well for the future.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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